

Communicate Well Match Game 1

When we rephrase what we say and how we say it, students respond in positive ways. Below are strategies that create trust and lead to better outcomes. Play these two Match Games to learn strategies and examples.

Match Game 1

Match the strategies to an example.

Strategies

1. Use this/that questions (or statements).
2. Give countdown alerts for transitions.
3. Use a timer.
4. Be confident and direct.
5. Use first/then statements.
6. Set boundaries.
7. Ask questions when they DO have a choice.
8. Give a replacement behavior.

Examples

- a) "We are going inside," instead of "Do you want to go inside now?"
- b) "Do you want to sit in this chair or that chair?"
- c) "First, we'll listen to the Bible story, and then you can play in the ball pit."
- d) "No, you may not take that marker away from a friend, but you may use this one or this one."
- e) "You may take this car to large group time, but it must stay in your lap, or I will hold it for you."
- f) "Your friend will be done swinging in 2 minutes. See, here are two minutes."
- g) "May I turn this page over so you can color on the other side?"
- h) "We will play with the blocks for 5 minutes, then we will clean up; we will play with the blocks for 2 minutes, then we will clean up; time to clean up."

Answers: 1b2h3f4a5c6e7g8d